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David E. Patton
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The Honorable Philip M. Halpern
District Judge
Southern District of New York
300 Quarropas Street
White Plains, New York 10601-4154

Re: United States v. Francis Hughes
21-cr-00584(PMH)

Dear Honorable Halpern:

I am writing on behalf of Francis Hughes to ask that Your Honor please adjourn the conference that is currently scheduled for April 5, 2022. As background, I have been in ongoing plea discussions with the Government and, as part of that process, I have asked to view certain discovery that is in the Government's possession. The Government has agreed to such a viewing, but our schedules have not yet made that possible.¹ As such, I ask that Mr. Hughes' conference be adjourned to a date in early May.

I have spoken to AUSA Marcia Cohen, and she does not object to this request. If this application is granted, I ask that time be exclude under the Speedy Trial Act.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

//s

Benjamin Gold
Assistant Federal Defender

cc: AUSA Marcia Cohen

Application granted. The status conference scheduled presently for April 5, 2022 is adjourned to 9:00 a.m. on May 23, 2022. At the time of the conference, the parties shall call: (888) 398-2342; access code: 3456831.

The parties are directed to file a Proposed Order Excluding Time Under the Speedy Trial Act for the Court's approval forthwith.

The Clerk of the Court is respectfully directed to terminate the motion sequence pending at Doc. 46.

SO ORDERED.



Philip M. Halpern
United States District Judge

Dated: White Plains, New York
March 31, 2022

¹ Part of the scheduling difficulty is that I would like to bring a digital forensic expert with me to this viewing, so it requires balancing multiple schedules.